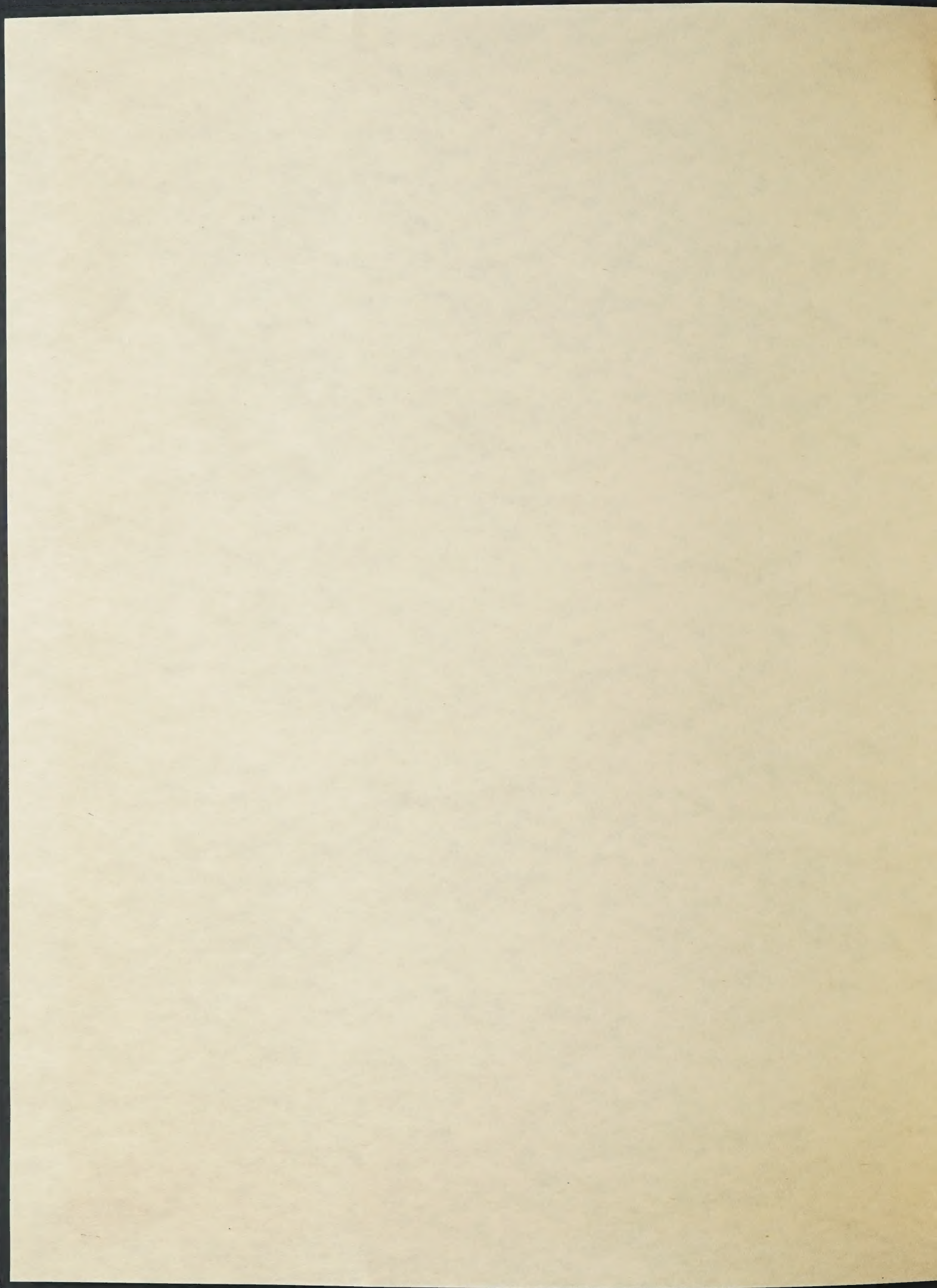


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September 26th, 1917

Dr. T. Wickett,
35 Nightingale Street,
Burlington, Ont.

Dear Sir:

I am sorry that I have not seen your letter written to "The Mail and Empire" on September 22, and it will be difficult now for me to secure the reading of it. I am sure, however, that the full equipment of the High Schools and Collegiate Institutes with libraries for all departments is very necessary, and if these technical and scientific libraries could be put to the use of those in the district who are interested in scientific subjects I believe much good would arise. It is hardly to be expected that local libraries should be equipped to the same extent and in the same subjects as these others might be.

I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

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October 22nd, 1917

Dr. Thomas Wickett,
25 Nightingale Street,
Hamilton, Ont.

Dear Sir:

On my return from the United States I have just received your letter. I thoroughly agree with you that a series of lectures by prominent men, well equipped laboratories, and libraries in all our Collegiate Institutes will be of enormous advantage. Naturally we endeavour to get as much as we can for the University because it absorbs so much money of necessity. We have received very much larger gifts than are generally known to the public, although announcement is usually made. For instance, this week we are opening new laboratories for the manufacture of various sera, the gift of Lt.-Colonel A. F. Cooperman. Also, the Royal Ontario Museum, which is half ours, has been almost entirely stocked by the gifts of private individuals, and worth probably half a million dollars. Then there was the great Toronto General Hospital, which is virtually a University Hospital, and the Art House, which is to be opened at the end of the war for the activities of the men students. In addition to these there are many minor gifts so that people are learning to give to public institutions.

Yours sincerely,

President.

December 21st., 1917

Dr. Thomas Wickett,
25 Nightingale Street,
Parilton.

Dear Dr. Wickett:

I have read your letter with interest, and I thank you also for the copy of the Hamilton "Spectator". I am inclined to think that you exaggerate the feeling of the average Canadian with regard to the original elements that have entered into our composite English-speaking Canadian nationality. It may be that some of them who have been born in Scotland or in England or who may have had close connections with one country or the other are apt to emphasise the contributions that their respective countries have made, but I cannot believe that the average Canadian will take a great deal of interest in this discussion. It is a question naturally of adaptability. The future of those who come to us from England or Scotland will depend upon the way in which they will fit themselves into our new life and I am confident that we shall welcome all our English-speaking brethren from Britain who resolve to work together for a united country.

Wishing you the compliments of the season,

I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

